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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

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CREATION OF A FRENCH-SPEAKING DIVISION

Proposal approved by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names at the meeting held on 12 January 1998 (nineteenth session)

The Conference,

Considering that the French-speaking countries face a common set of issues from both the toponymic and the cultural point of view, and that for these countries, the chance to be in the same division would be likely to facilitate their participation in the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN),

Recommends that the following division be added to the divisions of UNGEGN:

French-speaking Division

21 January 1998

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Standardization of geographical names and the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences

The Conference,

Recalling that geographical names constitute a key element of the cartographic field,

Taking note of the rapid development of geographical information technology,

Noting the existence of regional cartographic conferences organized under the auspices of the United Nations,

Noting also the responsibility and the mandate, on behalf of the Economic and Social Council, of the Secretariat for the organization of such conferences,

Recommends that the United Nations Secretariat, acting as a liaison body, inform the working group on proposals for the reorganization of the regional cartographic conferences of the concerns, deliberations and recommendations of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and of the United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names, as proposed in resolution 2 of the United Nations Sixth Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas, held in New York from 2 to 6 June 1997.

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 10

List of names of countries

The Conference,

Recalling resolution 10 of the Sixth Conference,

Noting that the UNGEGN Working Group on a List of Names of Countries submitted to the Seventh Conference a list of names of countries in the official language(s) of each country,

Noting also that the United Nations Documentation, Reference and Terminology Section issues and updates on a regular basis a "Country Names" terminology bulletin in the six official languages of the United Nations, but that this list does not include the names of countries in their official language(s),

Noting further that there are certain differences between the names published by the Documentation, Reference and Terminology Section in this bulletin and the forms recommended by UNGEGN,

Recommends that the list of names of countries in their official language(s) and in their romanized form, as well as in the three working languages of UNGEGN, be updated on a regular basis and regarded as a reference for all cartographic applications, both national and international, published in the Roman alphabet.